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...online and printed with your own printer, and is a convenient alternative to running back and forth to your local post office. However, the strict **USPS** restrictions on printer quality for indicia (see the sidebar, "Guide to indicia"), compatibility problems with some printers, vendor-added premiums to **USPS** postage prices, and other issues have prevented this innovation from becoming ubiquitous.

We tested three e-postage solutions and found there's good news for

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...home-based professional: E-postage vendors are doing their best to make the process easier and less expensive. For instance, the turnaround time for a **USPS** license has been reduced to just a few hours; most products let you use existing electronic address books from applications such as Microsoft Outlook, Interact Commerce Corp.'s Act, and FrontRange

Solutions' GoldMine; all the products check current addresses and rates against existing **USPS** databases; and all can help you avoid wasting money on unusable postage. Even better, many services let you try out their solution for free and...

...The program will launch your Internet connection for installation, activation, printer tests, and postage purchases, as well as to check your addresses against the **USPS** database, so you'll have to be online when you want to use the product.

The software interface is more confusing than it should be...

...to our envelopes, as well as access ClickStamp's features from within Microsoft Word.

Adding postage to our account was a snap. Click Tools/Refill

Postage Meter, enter an amount, and your account is credited. You get 30 days of free service with the download, after which it's \$1.49 per...

...PROmail

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Simply Postage's PROmail is a hybrid product made up of a software application and a **postage meter** with a stamp printer

tacked on. The printer itself works something like other popular label printers: it connects to your PC via a USB or...

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postage with \$4.49
minimum

PRODUCT HARDWARE/SOFTWARE REQUIRED

CLICKSTAMP ONLINE Software download; Internet connection

PROMAIL Starter kit; software CD; **postage**
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
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For all of the differences among these...

...amount, place of origin, device ID or type, mailing date, and rate category. This data--and other identifying information--can be scanned and authenticated by **USPS** equipment nationwide. This unique identification serves to detect tampering or duplication, as well as **track** pieces of mail.

Once you've printed **indicia**, be sure to get the parcel it's attached to down to the post office the same day. Unlike regular stamps, you must mail your...

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 The Post Office Unveils the E-STAMP.

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The Post Office Unveils the E-STAMP.

May , 1999

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... while writing an article about customer service in cyberspace, I came across some news on the Federal Computer Week Web site (<http://www.fcw.com>): "USPS unveils first approved Internet

postage product" (March 31, 1998). It was referred to as "E-Stamp internet Postage," a software product which would allow users...

...e-commerce concept and continues to lead the pack. It was the first of several competitors to get approval from the United States Postal Service (USPS) to test the technology enabling the sale of postage over the internet. The firm's executives come from Microsoft, Oracle, PointCast, and WebTV.

E-Stamp...

...com) markets itself as designing, delivering, and servicing high-quality mailing and shipping systems. Headquartered in Paris, the company developed the world's first electronic **postage meter** and electronic rate-calculating scale. With annual revenues of \$450 million, the firm is the top producer of mail room equipment in Europe and the... month's free access. Up to \$500 in postage can be downloaded at one time.

Pitney Bowes (<http://www.pitneybowes.com>) introduced the electronic digital **postage meter** in 1996. Users connect through a modem and refill their postage meters with ease. This dial-up capability eliminated the inconvenience of a trip to the post office. Small businesses and home offices usually don't have the volume of mail to warrant leasing a **postage meter** from Pitney Bowes for approximately \$20 per month. The company is preparing to test market a service called "Click-Stamp" and join the "e-race."

This forward step by the USPS, one that supports eliminating the need to buy postage equipment and to make regular excursions to a post office, has been in the works since...

...justify the E-Stamp program. The U.S. Postal Service reports it handled 41 percent of the world's mail in fiscal year 1998. The USPS mail volume for the year was 198 billion pieces, or approximately 376,712 items per minute (This Is True, <http://www.thisistrue.com>, February 7... directed, the postal rate, and the amount of postage used. This will, in turn, deduct the amount from the PC's postal security device. The **indicia** provide the ability to **track** letters in the same manner as Federal Express **tracks** packages.

ANSWERS TO FAQs

Congratulations to E-Stamp Corporation's Webmaster and staff for a friendly, easily navigable Web site, and for adding some well...

...pay no service fees; the software is free. They only pay for the actual postage. Postage may be purchased via direct bank draft. Currently, the USPS has not authorized the use of credit cards nor has it set a date for their acceptance.

* The initial version of E-Stamp Corporation's...

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☐ Proposed electronic postage system features 2D code

Date: May 1997

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Proposed electronic postage system features 2D code

May 1997 Length: 4 Pages

Abstract:

A proposed new postage metering system under development by the US Postal Service (USPS) and **postage meter** manufacturers would use two-dimensional bar codes for security and **tracking**. The draft specifications for the Information-Based **indicia** Program (IBIP) were issued in June 1996 for comment by the industry. **indicia** is the formal term for a postage mark, be it a stamp or a **postage meter** imprint. The Postal Service is

migrating to a new metering system to stem an estimated \$150 million in revenue lost to fraud. There are currently...
...516,800 postage meters in use. About 52% of those are mechanically-based. Decertification is widely viewed as an opportunity to create the next generation **postage meter**, incorporating digital printing and address encryption for security with the ability to download postage value from the **USPS** over the Internet.

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